

SENATE BILL 603

By Woodson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69,
Chapter 3, relative to publication of certain water
quality actions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 5 of this act as a new part thereto.

SECTION 2. All notices of violation, director's and commissioner's orders and all other enforcement actions and outcomes, shall be published weekly in their entirety in one (1) location on the department's web site. Notices of violation will be electronically filed through the central enforcement office to expedite the process cost-effectively.

SECTION 3. Board rulings on contested cases and acceptance of judgments by consent shall be published on the department website within five (5) business days in addition to other publication required by law.

SECTION 4. Notices of intent to appeal will be published on the department website within three (3) business days of receipt, but no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the date the appeal or agreed order will be heard by the board in addition to other publication required by law.

SECTION 5. In order to encourage constructive public input, in addition to other publications required by law, drafts of agreed orders will be available to the public and published in their entirety on the department website no less than seven (7) days prior to the date the agreed order will be presented to the board.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the

act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.